

OSCC Decision Number 03/01 To The Treaty On Open Skies Provisions For The Initial Certification Period

The Open Skies Consultative Commission, in accordance with Annex D, Section I, paragraph 4, of the Treaty on Open Skies has decided as follows:

Section I. Provisions

1. The initial certification period shall begin at the time of entry into force, on 1 January 2002, and end on 31 July 2002.
2. During the initial certification period, observation quota flights shall be conducted in accordance with the Treaty and shall be conducted only on an agreed bilateral basis.
3. During the initial certification period, the initial certification schedule shall be as follows:
 - From 15 to 29 April 2002, the Federal Republic of Germany will host a joint certification event at Nordholz NAS, GE. Participants will be the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation group of States Parties, the Republic of Hungary and Ukraine.
 - From 8 to 15 May 2002, the United States of America will host a certification event at Wright-Patterson AFB, USA.
 - From 19 to 26 June 2002, the French Republic will host a unique certification event for the Pod Group (Kingdom of Belgium, Canada, Kingdom of Spain, French Republic, Hellenic Republic, Italian Republic, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Kingdom of Norway, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Portuguese Republic) at Orléans Brécy AFB, FR.
 - From 8 to 16 July 2002, the United Kingdom will host a joint certification event with the Republic of Bulgaria at Brize Norton AFB, GB.

Section II. Review Clause

The provisions of this Decision shall be re-examined on the basis of practical experience if so requested by a State Party before 31 July 2002.

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This Decision shall enter into force simultaneously with the Treaty on Open Skies and shall terminate at the end of the initial certification period.

Decided in Vienna, in the Open Skies Consultative Commission, on 17 December 2001, in each of the six languages specified in Article XIX of the Treaty on Open Skies, all texts being equally authentic.